



**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH**  
Special Commission Meeting  
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
17011 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162  
**Thursday, May 10, 2018**  
**6:00pm**

Vice Mayor Beth E. Spiegel  
Commissioner Anthony F. DeFillipo  
Commissioner Barbara Kramer  
Commissioner Frantz Pierre  
Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith

City Manager Ana M. Garcia, ICMA-CM  
City Attorney Jose Smith  
City Clerk Pamela L. Latimore, CMC

**Special Commission Meeting Minutes**

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**ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS**

The Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Beth E. Spiegel, Commissioner Anthony F. DeFillipo, Commissioner Barbara Kramer, Commissioner Frantz Pierre, and Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith. City Manager Ana M. Garcia, City Attorney Jose Smith, and City Clerk Pamela L. Latimore were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by the Vice Mayor and Commission.

Vice Mayor Spiegel opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

City Clerk Latimore read the rules of public comment into the record and the following person(s) made comments on the record:

1. Terrance Camenzuli - 17151 N.E. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

The Commission began a discussion regarding the process of filling the vacancy in the Group 1 Seat and City Clerk Latimore stated that the item was not advertised on the agenda for this Special Meeting and advised the Commission to give direction to include the item on the next Commission Meeting agenda. The consensus of the Commission was to include filling the vacancy in the Group 1 Seat as an action item at the next Commission Meeting.

Vice Mayor Spiegel stated that any individual interested in applying for the vacancy in the Group 7 Seat will come forward with their name, address, and affirm that they meet all the requirements to be appointed/elected to the City Commission.

The following individuals appeared before the Commission and expressed their interest in filling the vacancy in the Group 7 Seat:

1. David Templer - 3260 N.E. 164<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
2. Evan Piper - 16425 N.E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.
3. David Zapen - 971 N.E. 158<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
4. Vladimir Bugera - 16665 N.E. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.
5. Joseph Litowich - 16750 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.
6. Pradel Vilme - 18211 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.
7. Debrah Ennevor - 2314 N.E. 172<sup>nd</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
8. Michael Joseph - 1566 N.E. 175<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
9. Fortuna Smukler - 3207 N.E. 168<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
10. Ketley Joachim - 210 N.E. 170<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
11. Paule Villard - 16821 N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Miami Beach, FL.
12. Barry Moses - 18341 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> Ct., North Miami Beach, FL.
13. Muriel Kemp - 1479 N.E. 178<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
14. Henry Dube - 530 N.E. 178<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.
15. Mark St. Vil - 1000 N.E. 160<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami Beach, FL.

City Attorney Smith discussed and recommended a process that the Commission can use to select an individual to fill the vacant seat and also stated that the Commission can choose any other process that would accomplish the result.

Vice Mayor Spiegel suggested that each Commissioner state who their first choice would be and see if any individual receives a majority of the votes.

Motion to recommend that the process consist of each Commissioner writing the names of two or three individuals and displaying all the nominations on a board made by Commissioner DeFillipo, seconded by Commissioner Kramer.

**MOTION FAILED 2-3** with Vice Mayor Spiegel, Commissioner Pierre, and Commissioner Smith opposed.

The following were the results of the first round of voting:

Commissioner DeFillipo selected Evan Piper.

Commissioner Kramer selected Evan Piper.

Commissioner Pierre selected Fortuna Smukler.

Commissioner Smith selected Paule Villard.

Vice Mayor Spiegel selected Fortuna Smukler.

Evan Piper and Fortuna Smukler each received two votes.

There was no consensus after the first round of voting.

The following were the results of the second round of voting:

Commissioner DeFillipo selected Evan Piper.  
Commissioner Kramer selected Fortuna Smukler.  
Commissioner Pierre selected Fortuna Smukler.  
Commissioner Smith selected Fortuna Smukler.  
Vice Mayor Spiegel selected Fortuna Smukler.

Fortuna Smukler received four votes and Evan Piper received one vote.

City Clerk Latimore performed the swearing-in of Fortuna Smukler as Commissioner.

Newly-appointed Commissioner Smukler thanked the Commission and expressed appreciation for their vote of confidence, stated that her number one priority is to serve the City of North Miami Beach and its residents, and took her seat on the dais.

Commissioner Kramer stated that she was encouraged by the motivation and dedication of all the individuals who were interested in the vacant Commission seat and looks forward to their future service to the City and congratulated Commissioner Smukler on her appointment.

Commissioner DeFillipo congratulated Commissioner Smukler on her appointment and thanked all the individuals who were interested in the vacant Commission seat and encouraged them to stay involved in the government of the City and attend meetings.

Commissioner Smith wished a happy birthday to Evan Piper and thanked all the individuals who were interested in the vacant Commission seat and praised their values, history, and experiences.

Commissioner Pierre thanked all the individuals who were interested in the vacant Commission seat for their courage and determination and encouraged them to pursue other opportunities with the City.

Vice Mayor Spiegel stated that it was gratifying and exciting to see all the individuals who were interested in the vacant Commission seat and encouraged them to volunteer for Boards and Committees in the City and expressed that the Commission and City staff is continuing to move the City forward.

**Resolution 2018-22 Appointing Individual to Fill Vacancy in Commission Group 7**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING FORTUNA SMUKLER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN CITY COMMISSION GROUP VII IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTH MIAMI BEACH CITY CHARTER SECTION 4.5.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-22 made by Commissioner Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Kramer.  
**MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

Vice Mayor Spiegel announced the upcoming Mother's Day Breakfast and Hurricane Preparedness Fair on May 12, 2018 and the Annual Police Memorial Service on May 11, 2018.

The Special Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pamela L. Latimore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pamela L. Latimore, CMC, City Clerk